



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of City Coordinator

Date: February 19, 2013

To: The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means

Subject: Garrison Institute Gift for scholarship and travel to Climate, Cities and Behavior Symposium

Recommendation: The City Council accept the gift of a scholarship and travel reimbursement to the Climate, Cities and Behavior Symposium for one employee

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Supporting Information

In March of 2013, the Garrison Institute is holding a symposium to gather city staff and professionals working to promote sustainable resource consumption, mitigate climate change, and ensure that community members are prepared to deal with unexpected challenges (economic, energy, weather). This event would increase staff technical knowledge in these areas and provide valuable connections to other municipalities who are undertaking this work.

The Garrison Institute has offered to provide a scholarship to pay \$900 towards the cost of registration for one city staff to attend the event and reimburse up to \$450 in travel expenses.